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SUBJECT: SEYCHELLES

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1. WE HAVE INFORMED BRITISH EMBASSY (MILLINGTON) THAT WE AGREE TO END-FEBRUARY AS TENTATIVE DATE FOR TRIPARTITE NEGOTIATIONS IN LONDON ON SEYCHELLES. MILLINGTON INDICATED THAT SEYCHELLES WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY BOTH MANCHAM AND RENE, AND THE UK BY A QUOTEJUNIOR MINISTER UN; OTE. WE INFORMED HIM OUR OWN PLANS NOT YET DEVELOPED, BUT IN OUR PRELIMINARY VIEW EMBASSY LONDON WOULD HEAD US NEGOTIATING TE;M AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL WITH BACKSTOPPING FROM STATE AND DOD.

2. WE SUGGESTED TO MILLINGTON THAT US AND UK SHOULD CONSULT ON SEVERAL ISSUES BEFORE ENTERING TRIPARTITE NEGOTIATIONS, AS FOLLOWS:

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A. FORM OF AGREEMENT. WE GAVE MILLINGTON OUR PRELIMINARY VIEW THAT: 1) REVISION OF BIOT AGREEMENT SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY US-UK EXCHANGE OF NOTES; 2) SATELLITE TRACKING STATION SHOULD BE COVERED BY US-SEYCHELLES AGREEMENT BASED ON PREVIOUS US-UK AGREEMENT; 3) JOINT US-UK USE OF MAHE

AIRFIELD COULD BE INCLUDED IN TRACKING STATION AGREEMENT OR TAKE FORM OF SEPARATE EXCHANGE OF NOTES; 4) WE WILL CONSIDER UK SUGGESTION THAT ISSUES OF DENIAL TO HOSTILE POWERS AND REENTRY RIGHTS BE INCLUDED IN UK-SEYCHELLES TRANSFER AGREEMENT; HOWEVER, WE MIGHT FEEL NEED FOR MORE EXPLICIT BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON US REENTRY RIGHTS.

B. MAHE AIRFIELD. WE INFORMED MILLINGTON WE WERE STUDYING OUR REQUIREMENTS FOR MAHE AIRFIELD, AND WOULD APPRECIATE BRITISH VIEWS ON JOINT USE.

C. DENIAL AND REENTRY. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF US AND UK COULD JOINTLY DEFINE TERMS AND AGREE ON OBJECTIVES BEFORE NEGOTIATING WITH THE SEYCHELLES ON THESE ISSUES. WE ARE STUDYING THIS SUBJECT AND WOULD APPRECIATE BRITISH VIEWS.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY RESPONSE FROM BRITISH TO ASSIST IN EXTENSIVE GROUND WORK WE MUST DO TO PREPARE FOR LATE FEBRUARY NEGOTIATIONS. KISSINGER

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